

REQUEST FCC WAIVER FOR OUT OF WINDOW SUBMISSSION FOR 2016-17 FORM 471

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USAC action being appealed: Submission "Out of Window" 2016-17 Form 471,

As directed by Sydney at USAC 9/19/16 and Nita at USAC 9/29/16.

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I turned the program over to one of the parish parents on April 28, 2016, due to my pending eye surgery on May 17th. I provided her my contact information in the event she needed help going forward, and reminded her about the 471 deadline of May 26th, and to contact me if she had trouble with it. I sent her an earlier email on 4/19/16 with a date reminder of the 471 due date of May 26th (<http://www.usac.org/sl/tools/deadlines/>). She contacted Sr. Angelina, the school principal, to tell her she missed the deadline and I was called by Sr. to help. I knew we would be denied by USAC due to "Out of Window" and knew it would require a waiver, and brought her a copy of one that had been previously written. I gave her specific ideas on phrases she needed to use to write the FCC waiver. From that point on, I had no contact from her and figured she had completed both the Form 471 and the FCC waiver. That was sometime after Memorial Day, but I don't have the exact date.

I received a call from Sr. Angelina on Fri Sept 16, asking for help. I called Sr. and she said the woman had dropped our ERATES data book off saying she missed a deadline and couldn't do this job and walked out. Sr. asked if I would help. I made numerous calls to USAC to get an idea of what I would be able to do. I was told to file the Form 471 and write the waiver without waiting to hear from USAC, as it was five (5) months overdue. I was told to file a Form 498, which is a new requirement for this year, due to the conversion to all forms being filed directly online, and the need to provide direct deposit information for the rebate monies. I couldn't file the 471 until I got the 498 completed, and I had to locate three numbers to file that document. It requires the FCC registration number, the school tax ID number and the DUNS number. No one in the school knew what that number was, and after several days of calls, one of the other Sisters in the convent was able to provide that for me. It took several days to get our Pastor registered in the EPC as the General Financial Contact. Once that was done the 498 was completed on 9/29/16. Moving forward to file the 471, I had to obtain a copy of the just expired Comcast contract and the invoices for Sept 2016 and Oct 2016, because we were under contract from 07/01/16 through 09/18/16, and will be MTM from 9/19/16 through 06/30/17. USAC said to file the waiver as I will not be able to file the 471 until the first week of Oct, due to needing the new rates under MTM which will be in the Oct 2016 bill. The Form 470 was filed on 01/28/16.

This school is in a middle class town, and depends heavily on the ERATES rebates and the NJ DOE Technology grants to train students from Pre-K through 8th grade. NJ does not review non-public schools' technology plans, but requires that each school has one in order to receive grant

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money. ERATES reviews them for all participating schools, and the school is then eligible to be considered for the NJ DOE grants. Sr. Angelina uses both the NJ grants and the ERATES rebates to purchase new technology and education programs and equipment that the school might otherwise not be able to procure. The school is forward in thinking about the use of technology and has been very active in providing this training means to its students. Technology is part and parcel of today's lifestyles, and it is a necessity for young people to build into a future life. Technology provides diversity in learning styles; it tends to keep students engaged in the learning process, and allows students to access information more quickly through use of digital textbooks. <http://www.securedgenetworks.com/blog/10-Reasons-Today-s-Students-NEED-Technology-in-the-Classroom>

It gives students the perception they retain information better and there is some information to show this to be true, e.g. by preparing a PowerPoint. It also helps students to learn at their own pace. (www.teachhub.com/benefits-technology-classroom).

It allows students access to global information, allowing for cultural inculcation fairly quickly. It provides greater interaction with the students and teachers on many subjects. It allows for easier assessment of learners skills. It engages cognitive, affective and psychomotor skills simultaneously, while the standard textbook does not.

Small children use their senses to learn, and visual, voice, hearing and coordination of touch are all engaged, thus helping Pre-K students with language development. (Information derived from PowerPoint presentations prepared and delivered by the Contact person while serving as a faculty member at Monmouth University).

It is for these reasons that we ask for the consideration to be granted the FCC waiver to receive USAC ERATES rebates for the current year 2016-2017, despite filing "Out of Window". We are not certain if not receiving ERATES monies would impact our NJ DOE grant status, but that is a concern we have, as that would deny us any new technology software and equipment for an entire year, and as stated earlier, this is a crucial area that must be taught continuously to keep abreast of all the changes that occur in this realm of life, and to maintain the necessary skills to use the technologies. Denial of the rebates only harms the children, and delays their learning opportunities. Thank you for the opportunity to request this extremely important need for the children of St. Jerome School. USAC BEN 8105.

Authorized Person's Signature:

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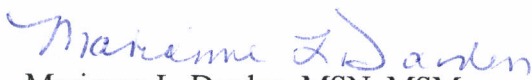
Fr. Douglas Freer, Pastor St Jerome and Administrator St. Mary



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